

IV. Remarks

A. Preliminary Amendment

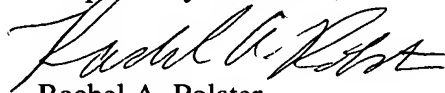
Applicants have amended the first page of the specification by adding a sentence to reflect priority claims.

Applicants have canceled original claims 1-12 and have added new claims 23 and 24 in this preliminary amendment. Claim 13 is amended to become independent, reflecting the cancellation of claims 1-12.

The Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due; however, the Office has the authority to charge the Applicants' Deposit Account for any fees that are presently due, or any fees that will become due. Please charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, he or she is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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